

July 22, 1942.

Mr. John F. Collins,  
Brooklyn National League Baseball Club,  
215 Montague Street,  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Collins:

I am sending this letter to you following up our telephone conversation. Mr. Sam Posey, the owner of the Homestead Grays called me from Pittsburgh and asked me to see if Ebbets Field could be secured for Sunday, September 6th, at which time a game would be played by the Stars of the Negro National League and Stars of the Negro American League. One of the players who will take part is the much publicized Satchell Paige, there would also be Josh Gibson as his battery mate, Buck Leonard, Willie Wells, Ray Dandridge, Leon Day, etc. I cannot send you a complete list at this time, but the teams will be made up of Negro Stars.

The Homestead Grays have had the use of the lights in Washington at Griffith Stadium, which night they featured Satchell Paige and had a paid attendance of 27,000. Last night in Pittsburgh at the Pirates Field the same teams played to 13,000. I am telling you this to give you some figures on the probabilities of the gate. This will be the first time the Eastern fans have had a chance to see a game between Colored All-Stars.

We would be very willing to guarantee \$500. rent with an option of 20% of the gross gate, would this be a satisfactory rental? We, of course, would pay all expenses of park help, etc.

The current publicity about the colored baseball players should help a whole lot also in swelling the crowd.

I will greatly appreciate hearing from you right away, as we will have to get busy on the game, if we are able to play it. Thanking you for your cooperation.

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Very truly yours,